

**INITIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT FAX SHEET OF RECEIPT OF DEFECT INFORMATION
REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573**

Assigned Recall No. 03V-070 by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: **February 27, 2003**

Faxed and E-Mailed: **March 10, 2003**

Manufacturer: **International Truck and Engine Corporation**

Manufacturer Contact: **Mr. R. L. Van Laar, Compliance Manager**

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SUBJECT: **142 International 2003 Models 8600 heavy duty trucks built with a Caterpillar engine with a 4 degree tilt and manufactured from September 3, 2002 through January 30, 2003. The starter field-stud may contact the frame rail because of variations in the air gap between the field stud and the frame rail. Navistar Recall No. 03504.**

This is an acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be written only if we have additional comments or concerns.

We have reviewed your proposed owner notification letter and are suggesting the following changes. Please change the word "determined" to "decided" in the second sentence. We are also requesting that you add a sentence concerning leased vehicles, i.e., Federal law requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days."

As stated in Part 573.6, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. As stated in your report, owner notification is expected to begin March 28, 2003. Since this is at the end of the quarter, the first quarterly report will be due by July 30, 2003.

If you have any questions, please call:

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